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**Of Shopping**

Shopping serves for delight, for ornament, and for bestowing. Its chief use for delight is in the hours of gazing at beautiful garments; for ornament, is in showing off your new find; and for bestowing is in the heart of the giver. For expert men can acquire a designer frock for half off, the best finds come from the experienced shoppers. To spend too much time in the mall is frivolous; to use your habiliments too much is ostentatious; to make judgments wholly by someone’s clothes, is the humor of Anna Wintour. Crafty men condemn shopping, simple people admire it, and wise women use it; for they shop for enjoyment coupled with economic ideology. Shop not to emulate others; nor to buy solely for yourself; nor to be absorbed by materialism; but to be independent and thoughtful. Some boutiques are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested; that is some stores are to be only window shopped; others stores deserve bringing a couple of items in the dressing room; and some few deserve trying on everything in your size. Shopping maketh a beautiful man, bargain hunting a resourceful man; and a combination maketh a brilliant man. So if a man’s wallet is wandering, let him go to Marshals; if a man’s style is lacking, let him go to Urban Outfitters; and if a man is in need of a splurge, let him go to Saks Fifth Avenue. But keep track, so every blemish of the purse may have a receipt.